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DEMOCRATS ALONE RESPONSIBLE.

On next Tuesday, the 15th inst., the white democratic citizens of Florida will participate in a primary election for the purpose of choosing the men who are to represent the state in the congress of the United States, as well as those who for the next two years are to constitute the legislative branch of our local state government.

Happily the importance of making wise selections for the national congress has been forcibly demonstrated during the past few years, and except for the addition of one more good man to the list of our delegation in Washington, there will be no change. The work of Florida's delegation in the congress of the United States has been vigorously aggressive, harmonious and productive of such marvelously valuable results as to place each member of the delegation beyond the hazard of a contest. The entire contingent will return by unanimous consent, not alone of the democrats, but of every appreciative citizen of the state irrespective of party affiliation.

In the selection of the legislative branch of our state government there will be contests in all but a few counties, and upon white democrats alone will rest the responsibility of making a wise selection of the men who are to constitute the law making power of the state for the next two years. We cannot expect to fill each seat in our legislative halls with statesmen—men who have through study and observation become experts in the science of government as applied to a republic, but as individuals we can at least see that our vote is cast for those men whom we believe to be honest, and who would insist on doing the business of the state on those underlying principles of common sense which mark the successful management of private enterprise. The man who would use the machinery of state law to set in motion some fad or fancy of an abnormally developed head, or who, under the guise of reform, would use the prestige of his place for the construction of a partizan machine for purposes of plunder, should be left at home.

In our own county of Putnam there are five candidates for the lower branch of the legislature. Two only are to be chosen.

John P. Wall and Frank McRae are the champions of a dispensary liquor law. Documents pledging their support to that measure are matters of record. G. F. Sprague, J. H. Wylie and James M. Chesser are pledged to work and vote against the dispensary. The issue is clearly drawn on the men, and voters may know in advance just what their ballots will mean.

The dispensary has been thoroughly discussed. It is the one issue of the local campaign, and upon its right settlement very much depends.

To vote for the dispensary candidates means that you approve of a scheme to build within this state a powerful political machine whose foundation shall be laid in the liquor inquiry, and managed by men not morally above the business. It means the employment of an army of constables who will be clothed with power to invade private homes and make search and seizure of any liquor found not purchased at a state dispensary. It means that the state of Florida would engage in the business of debauching its own citizens. It means the increase of crime, and it means that the state would be called upon immediately to put up at least a half million dollars to equip its state groggery.

To vote for the anti-dispensary candidates means that you are satisfied with the present law, which permits the citizens of each county to determine whether their county shall be dry or wet, and if wet, that those who sprinkle the goods shall pay high for the privilege.

THE MISTAKE OF HIS LIFE.

Can anything excuse a thief? When a man has education and a good brain, when he knows that there is always a reckoning for sin and that he who sows trouble must reap shame, can there be a valid excuse that will set him right with the public?

There is the case of Charles S. Shiver and there are tears in every paragraph of his life story. He loved a woman, and that woman became a confirmed invalid. There are men and men. Some forget love when sickness comes. They don't want to be chained to a hospital. And others love most when sickness and adversity come. Shiver knew that his wife could never be strong and well again. When he realized that the light of his life was destined to fade away like a broken flower a great tenderness took possession of him. He made up his mind that her every wish should be gratified; that her home should be bright; that he would surround her with every comfort, no matter how great the cost.

He became a thief for her sake. He was treasurer of the American District Telegraph company in Brooklyn, and he looted the funds of the concern for years to buy things for the sick woman at home. He did the awful thing with his eyes open. He knew all about the consequences. He knew that "Thou shalt not steal" is God's law and man's law wherever human beings exist. Yet he kept on stealing, his only desire being to postpone the crash and prison till after he had kissed the dead lips of his wife.

The crash came, but the funeral was over, and Charles S. Shiver said to the authorities: "I am a thief and am ready to take the consequences, gentlemen."

What a mistake he made. How little he knew about women—about that woman who was his wife. Couldn't he realize that she would have been hap-

pier hungry with an honest man than surrounded with luxuries purchased with stolen money? Didn't he know that the average wife loves truth and honesty and uprightness so much that she will welcome privation and pain so long as shame does not enter her life?

He loved her and he harmed her, and it is well that she could creep into her grave before she could learn that a man made a holy passion his excuse for crime.

It is easy to be sorry for the man. It is easy to shed tears over the story of a great mistake and a great affection. The world has an especial tenderness for men who patiently devote their lives to invalid wives, but the excuse for Charles S. Shiver's crime does not exist. Legally and morally he made a mistake and should pay the penalty.

THERE IS A HELL, ALL RIGHT.

The other day an unfortunate committed suicide in one of Chicago's parks, leaving a note stating that he expected to go to hell, for he deserved it. Several things are plain regarding this suicide.

One is this: A traditional belief in a material hell of fire and brimstone, will not restrain a man from braving its rigors.

Another is this: There is in the human consciousness an indestructible belief in some sort of retribution. It was this sense of justice which led Bob. Ingersoll to say: "If there isn't a hell there ought to be for some people."

The hell of material tortures, the hell of our grandfathers, the hell of medieval times no longer troubles the race. But the old questioning of Hamlet, "To sleep, perchance to dream. Aye, there's the rub," still haunts the subconsciousness of humankind.

Hell is sequence. It is relentless retribution. It may be close at hand, or remote. It may be here. It may be elsewhere. For it is not arbitrary, or outward. It is sequence—cause and effect.

The hell which awaits the infraction of law, statutory, physical mental, aesthetical or spiritual, may not be Dante's kind of hell or Milton's, but it is hell just the same.

The poor man who shuffled off this mortal coil in order to go to hell took too much trouble. If he was in his right mind he was already in hell. And if he was not sane he was also in hell. "Which way I turn is hell. Myself am hell," said Milton's Satan. And he was right.

There is a hell, all right. And there is a heaven. Most of you who read this have been in both of them.

IT IS A LIVE ISSUE.

Friends of the dispensary in this county, seeing that the sentiment of the people is one of decided opposition to that measure, have sought to becloud the issue of this campaign by saying that the dispensary was defeated in the last legislature and is therefore a dead issue, and ask: "Why then waste time in preaching the funeral of that which is already buried?"

What are the facts? The dispensary was never an issue before the people till now. The measure was sprung in the last legislature and passed the House of Representatives without so much as saying to the people, "By your leave." It was a piece of revolutionary legislation which, once incorporated in law, would have meant the fastening upon the people of this state the most corrupt and corrupting political machine that it is in the mind of man to imagine. Happily the bill was killed in the Senate.

But not to be outdone, the political schemers in the House, made up their minds to carry the measure before the people and this they have done in the subjoined circular, thousands of copies of which have been distributed in every county in the state; the work of distribution in this county having been performed by John P. Wall, who introduced the iniquitous measure in the House.

It is the issue before the people, and the present is the only time the people have had an opportunity to rebuke it. Who made the issue. Read the circular, which is as follows, for the answer:

"TO THE PEOPLE OF FLORIDA:

"We, the undersigned members of the Florida Legislature, for the session of 1901, believing the Dispensary plan for the control and regulation of the liquor traffic to be the best yet devised by any government dealing with this question, do, by signing our names hereto, give the same our most hearty endorsement and adherence.

"We ask the people of the State of Florida to carefully study the Dispensary system, and hope that in the next campaign their voices will be heard in its favor.

MEMBERS HOUSE REPRESENTATIVES:

"John P. Wall, J. R. Shonaker, J. H. Grant, W. K. Zewadski, J. H. Harvill, I. W. Pinholster, W. J. Chambers, M. H. Parrish, Geo. R. Blair, W. K. Jackson, W. A. Fulton, N. B. Broward, C. P. Parrish, W. H. Wilson, Francis A. Hendry, Chas. L. Smith, J. Emmett Wolfe, H. C. McRae, Daniel Campbell, J. C. B. Koonce, M. S. Dowden, N. A. Ritch, J. H. Osteen, J. L. Young, Frank McRae, J. K. Whaley, L. W. A. Rivers, Guy Gilien, W. H. Gunn, C. W. McElroy, R. Hudson Burr, B. F. Umstead, J. S. Godfrey.

MEMBERS SENATE:

E. L. Cottrell, John Neel, Jas. E. Broome, E. V. McCaskill, P. W. Butler, D. H. Baker.

Should these men be re-elected they would consider it their duty to again press the measure.

The News feels that it has done its whole duty by this note of warning.

Just why Washington, D. C. should have the largest population of negro blood is something the census sharps do not explain. It is a matter of fact and there are 86,702 negroes in the capital city. Baltimore, one of the most progressive cities of the south, has 79,258, and New Orleans 77,714. Philadelphia numbers 62,613 negroes among her citizens, New York 60,693, and Chicago 30,150. Jacksonville, Fla. leads all American cities in the proportion of negro population, with 57 per cent, and in Montgomery, Charleston and Savannah there are more negroes than whites.

Beginning with next Wednesday, having done their full duty in the premises, citizens can turn aside from the work of saving the state, and resume the arts of vulgar trade.

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OFFICE IS TOO DIGNIFIED.

Mr. Alfred Deprecates Mud-Slinging, But is Forced to Explain His Relations With Mr. Carter.

Palatka, Fla., July 3, 1902.

TO THE DEMOCRATIC VOTERS OF THE 5TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA:

I notice in the Palatka papers today an open letter of Syd L. Carter addressed as above—and which I presume will be published throughout the circuit. The letter is so undignified and so small that at first I hardly deemed it necessary to reply to it, but realizing that both of us were strangers to a large number of voters in the circuit I deem it only fair to myself and to the people that the matter should be replied to.

I will say in the first place that the reference of Mr. Carter to his "discharged clerk" must be directed to me as I am his only opponent, though I have never been his clerk. I studied law for two years in Ocala, earning enough to give me a course in Washington & Lee University Law School, and then studied for over a year under Judge W. A. Hoeker, and was admitted to the bar and a practicing attorney when I first knew Mr. Carter.

An account of Mr. Carter's poor health and of his earnest solicitation I acted as assistant and acting state's attorney for this circuit for about three years, without compensation, upon his promise and assurance that he did not intend to occupy the office after the expiration of his then present term, and that he would support and assist me in my efforts to secure the office when his term expired. At the expiration of his former term and while I was doing his work in the courts he circulated a petition for his own re-appointment, and secured the position for the next term. Having secured sufficient signatures to his petition to get the appointment, in this manner he procured my withdrawal of claim for appointment as against him at that time, and my signature to his petition, upon a promise of employment at "air compensation" as assistant state attorney. This employment he continued for about six months when he made an arrangement with E. W. Davis of Ocala, upon a promise similar to the one he first made me, and which he has broken in like manner.

The records of the courts in each county of this circuit bear evidence as to my labors in this office and of the capacity in which I appear, and I believe the good people of the circuit who have served with me in the courts will bear evidence as to how those labors were performed. I do not know whether the percentage of convictions in tried cases has increased since I ceased to do the work for which the people have paid Mr. Carter, but I do know that the percentage of cases NOT TRIED, voted against and squandered has increased since that time.

As to the claim made by Mr. Carter to superior ability over two such well-known men as the late Judge Wm. H. Wigg and Hon. Wm. A. Hoeker, his predecessors, I can only say that the people of this circuit are better able to pass on that question than I am. As for myself, while I can make no such claim, I shall, if nominated, give to the people of this circuit a clean, fair, honest and sober administration of their criminal laws, fairly and impartially, as God gives me light to see my duty and to do it.

I have not invited or brought on this controversy, but desire rather a clean, honest, fair campaign upon the relative merits of the candidates and needs of the people of this circuit, without stooping to personalities, believing the position too high and the people too well informed on the condition of public business in our courts, to make a mud-slinging campaign either necessary to me or profitable to my opponent.

Very respectfully,

NEIL M. ALLRED.

The New Orleans Times-Democrat says an aged Negro in that city makes a good living by offering prayers on behalf of people too busy to pray for themselves or who think she can "bring luck" by her petitions, and who pay her liberally.

Engineer Thompson of the Texas railroad commission has almost completed a statement of the mileage constructed in this state for the first six months of this year. The total will exceed 600 miles. This breaks the record for Texas railroad building.



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Homily On Editorialism.

Colorless newspapers are not good property. In the anxious effort to offend nobody, they disgust everybody. To suppose that the public likes blind flattery and time-serving is to underestimate the general intelligence. Happily, there are multiplying instances of newspapers that are highly successful, though entirely independent, and ready at any time to speak their minds freely in the face of party or local prejudice. Their owners have made the fortunate discovery that there is money in courage and ability. People will not, in the end, be imposed on by "editorialism." Any more than by repeated newspaper "fakes." Abraham Hayward heard a cabin under his windows in 1870 rebuke a newsboy for foisting on him a fraudulent Echo: "If you go on selling me battles as haven't been fought, I'm d—d if I don't kick you." When newspaper owners are given to understand that such will be the indignant attitude of the public toward insincere or flabby writing on the editorial page, as well as toward invented news in the other columns, they will encourage more than they do now the free expression of well-considered views.—New York Evening Post.

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